

HCC Minutes 09-07-2010 rev 1

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for meeting of September 7, 2010
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, Maine

Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf, (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Burr Taylor, Anne Perry, Donald Jones, Sue Vachon (associate, voting member for this meeting as directed by the chair), Tony Barrett Absent: Ann Nemrow, Carol Tukey, Town Planner

Visitor -: Malcolm Halliday, Harpswell summer resident -Trident Road Extension

There being a quorum, meeting called to order by M Nahf (chair) at 3:04 pm.

Minutes

The Minutes of August 17th Meeting were approved with minor edit.

Member Announcements:

Otter Brook walk with Steve Walker on Monday, 9/13 at 9am leaving from Town Office. Letters to abutters were sent to on Sept 7, by M. Nahf. She will follow up by a phone call. Members will be notified if walk is canceled. Boots are a good idea. Rain date is Tues, 9/14.

Old Business:

Established operating fund budget for 2011. Budget to be sent to Planning Office/Budget Advisory Committee.

Estimated costs:

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) Dues = \$175

Brochure mailing: \$75

Brochure printing: \$625

Meeting refreshments: 2 x \$50 = \$100

Total budget of \$975 voted on. Motion: D. Strachan, Seconded: D. Jones, Unanimous

Ongoing Business:

Conservation Education –

Decision was made to have an information table, manned by HCC members, at the Recycling Center prior to the Oct 9 Brunswick Hazardous Pickup date. Information to be provided will include handouts on:

Hazardous Collection Day

Obsolete Pesticide Collection (sponsored by Maine Board of Pesticide Control)

Save our Bay

Volunteers:

9/14 – 9 – 11 Anne Perry

9/18 9 -11 Mary Ann Nahf

9/25 9 – 11 Sue Vachon

Open Space Definition –

Nothing to report

Town lands/Cliff Trail Project –

Reviewed handout, HCCGrantSummaryTracking2, provided by D. Strachan. M. Nahf and D. Jones volunteered to phone some agencies to obtain more information. D Strachan will ask Kristi Eiane if selectmen approval is needed before grant proposals are sent out and when next Selectmen meetings are scheduled. D. Strachan noted that some foundations are more inclined to provide grants to Conservations Commissions rather than directly to towns. HCC, not the town, should apply for grants. D Strachan will draft a number of grants requesting \$10,000 for an ecological assessment of 5 parcels of Town land for C. Tukey to send to foundations.

Conservation funding –

Discussed yearly appropriation to the Conservation Fund.

Name of Land Acquisition Fund needs to be changed to Harpswell Conservation Fund.

Fund to be used for ecological assessment, purchase of easements and rights of way. Uses previously voted during July 20, 2010 meeting.

Appropriation of \$7500 approved. Motion: D. Jones; Seconded: A. Perry. Motion carried: 6 ayes and 1 abstain.

D Strachan will write up and C. Tukey to send to the Budget Advisory Committee

New Business:

HCC received Planning Board agenda 9.15. Can't determine why agenda was sent to HCC. M. Nahf to send email to Melissa inquiring why we were notified and will notify members.

Next Meetings: 9/21

Scribes: Deirdre Strachan

October meetings: 5th and 19th

Adjourned at 4:55pm.

S. Vachon, acting sec'y.